

APPENDIX II.

QUESTIONS TO WHICH PRINTED ANSWERS WERE FURNISHED BUT NOT REACHED FOR WANT OF TIME.

MESSRS. T. MADIAH GOWDA and SIDDE GOWDA (Channapatna Taluk); B. CHOODE GOWDA (Closepet Taluk); C. N. NARASINGA RAO and B. L. BYANNA (Bangalore City Municipality); GURUKAR VENKATARAMANE GOWDA, V. L. CHAME GOWDA and S. KARIAPPA (Kankanhalli Taluk); B. MALLAPPA (Nelamangala Taluk); R. DASAPPA and A. HANUMANTHARAYAPPA (Devanahalli Taluk); K. NARAYANA SETTY (Magadi Municipality); B. MUNIVENKATAPPA, A. G. RAMIAH REDDY and N. APPANNA REDDY (Bangalore Taluk); K. P. PARASIVIAH (Kankanhalli Municipality); PATEL HONNASIDDIAH and T. THIMMARAYAPPA (Magadi Taluk); PATEL VEERE GOWDA and PATEL HANUME GOWDA (Dodballapur Taluk); PATEL NARAYANA GOWDA and GURUSWAMY GOWDA (Hoskote Taluk); H. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO and B. M. MUNISWAMAPPA (Special Interests) and S. MUNIVENKATAPPA and A. DASAPPA (Minorities).—

Q.—1. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there was not a serious clash between the police and the people during October 1937 in connection with the arrest of Mr. K. N. Nariman;

(b) whether the police opened fire on the people then;

(c) whether the District Magistrate or any other Magistrate permitted the firing;

(d) whether it was not suggested by many non-official gentlemen both through public meetings and the press, that the conduct of the police was objectionable on that day;

(e) how many were injured and what was the number of deaths on account of the firing;

(f) (i) the steps taken by the Government to ascertain the justification or otherwise of the action of the police;

(ii) has the Government appointed any committee; have they enquired any non-official gentlemen;

(iii) what is the opinion of the District Magistrate in this regard?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—1. (a) There was a clash.

(b) No fire was opened on the people on the day of arrest of Mr. Nariman, *i. e.*, 24-10-37. But the police were compelled to open fire on the next day, *i. e.*, 25-10-37.

(c) Fire was opened in self-defence.

(d) Not aware of any suggestion.

(e) 10 were injured from gun shot wounds and one died.

(f) (i) It was ascertained that opening of fire on 25-10-37 was in self-defence of the police.

(ii) It was not necessary.

(iii) A regrettable occurrence, but unavoidable under the circumstances reported.